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PATENTREMARKS

Claims 1-20 were originally filed in the present application.

Claims 1-20 were previously cancelled.

Claims 21-40 were previously added in the present application.

Claims 21-40 are pending in the present application.

Claims 21, 28, 35 and 40 were rejected in the January 11, 2007 Office Action.

Claims 22-27, 29-34, and 36-39 were objected to in the January 11, 2007 Office Action.

No claims have been allowed.

Claims 21, 28 and 35 are amended herein.

Claims 22, 29 and 36 have been cancelled herein.

Claims 21-40 remain in the present application.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

On pages 2 and 3 of the January 11, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner provides a Response to Applicants' arguments filed October 2, 2006. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's Response.

In Section 3 of the January 11, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner objected to Claims 22-27, 29-34, and 36-39 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for this determination.

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In Sections 1 and 2 of the January 11, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 21, 28, 35, and 40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,475,735 to *Williams, et al.* (the "Williams reference"). Applicants respectfully disagree.

Applicants have amended independent Claims 21, 28 and 35 herein. For example, Claim 21 has been amended to include limitations from allowable Claim 22. Likewise, Claim 28 has been amended to include limitations from allowable Claim 29. Moreover, Claim 35 has been amended to include all limitations from allowable Claim 36. Accordingly, Claims 21, 28 and 35 are also allowable and the §102 rejection to Claims 21, 28 and 35 are now moot.

With respect to Claim 40, Claim 40 depends from allowable Claim 35 and is also allowable for the reasons set forth above.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and the allowance of Claims 21-40.

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PATENT**SUMMARY**

For the reasons given above, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims and that this application be passed to issue. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at jmockler@munckbutrus.com.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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